



MTAC General Session Meeting

Electronic Verification System (eVS®)/ Product Tracking System (PTS) User Group #2

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Agenda

- Improving Communications
- Information on RIBBS
- Sub Groups
- Industry Feedback
- Questions



eVS/PTS Improving Communications

- Sharing Release Information
 - For eVS
 - January 2011, April 2011, June 2011, November 2011
 - Detailed Documents and Industry Feedback
 - For PTS
 - January 2011, April 2011, June 2011, August 2011, September 2011, October 2011, November 2011
 - Detailed Documents and Industry Feedback
- Sharing Requirements with the Industry
 - Advance information on price changes
 - Detailed requirements that impacted the industry
 - IMpb updates, Federal Register notice updates



eVS/PTS Improving Communications

- Special Topics
 - Price Change Proposal
 - Parcel Select Lightweight/First Class Package Services
 - Return Services Portfolio
- Visibility
 - Pallet Placards – eVS Markings
 - FAST Appointments
 - eVS Content
 - Mail Owner CRID



eVS/PTS Information on RIBBS

Updated Publications

- Publication 205 (Electronic Verification System (eVS®) Business and Technical Guide) Updates
 - CURRENT VERSION November 2011
- Publication 199 (Implementation Guide for Intelligent Mail Package Barcodes for Confirmation Services and Electronic Verification System)
 - NEW August 2011
- Publication 91 Addendum for IMpb
 - CURRENT VERSION April 2011 (replaced by Pub 199)
 - Note: this addendum becomes obsolete January 2012
- Publication 91 (Confirmation Services Technical Guide)
 - CURRENT VERSION April 2011



eVS/PTS Information on RIBBS

- PTS
 - PTS Release notes
 - PTS Message Board
 - Barcode and File Certification process
- eVS
 - eVS Release notes within Postalone release notes
 - eVS Table G appendix for price change
 - eVS release overview



eVS/PTS Sub Groups

- Sub – Workgroups
 - Tracking Number Overlabeling/aliasing
 - New file version to accommodate to link the old label number to the new over label number
 - Projected implementation late 2012 in PTS - II
 - eVS Content on Bound Printed Matter and Media Mail
 - Discussed Proposals
 - Still in process



eVS/PTS Industry Feedback

- eVS Postage Extract
 - Developed through customer feedback
 - Partnership Joint Effort for PTS & eVS
 - eVS Payment Data in PTS Extract File
 - Mailers must sign up to receive
- Streamlined Refund Process
 - Requests submitted through sppsrefunds@usps.gov
 - eVS
 - PRS
 - Online requests for January 2012



eVS/PTS Industry Feedback

- Compression for all PTS Extract Files
 - Developed through customer feedback
 - Implemented October 2011
 - Available in GZIP, WINZIP, ZIP formats
 - Mailers sign up through Program Registration
- Requirement for eVS IMcb placard discussed and remains optional



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Questions

